

Cave Generator Manual

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How to use

Go to Menu > Window > Cave Generator.

Display resolution:

These buttons change the display map's resolution.

Cave map size:

Denotes the size of the next map that will be generated.

Automatically generate level:

Generates a map. This map uses this window's settings, then it's refined 4 times, lastly all holes are removed from it.

Map density:

It defines how much noise will be used at the first step, greater the number more walls the map will have.

Display map:

This white square displays the currently generated map. Map changes are displayed there.

Fill tool:

At a display click, if that click was on an empty cell, that cell and every other open cell adjacent to it are filled. Completely removing a hole from the map.

Threshold:

This double slider denotes how much alive or dead neighborhoods are needed to change the state of a cell. Higher it is, easier is for walls to become empty, lower it is easier is for walls to become full. Bigger the bar is, less changes will happen.

Iterate:

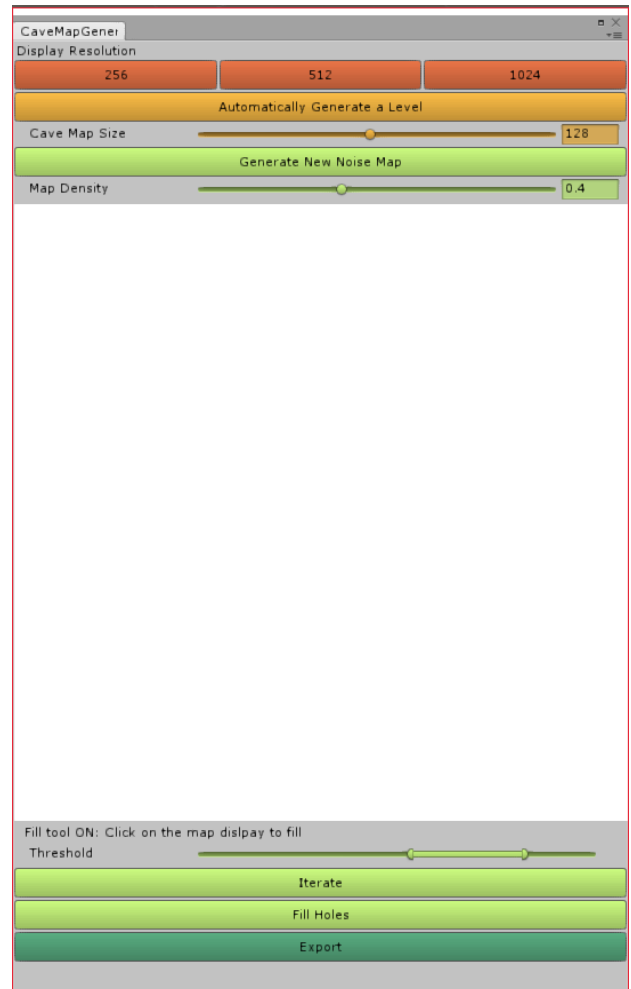
Force the cellular automata to iterate and refine the map.

Fill holes:

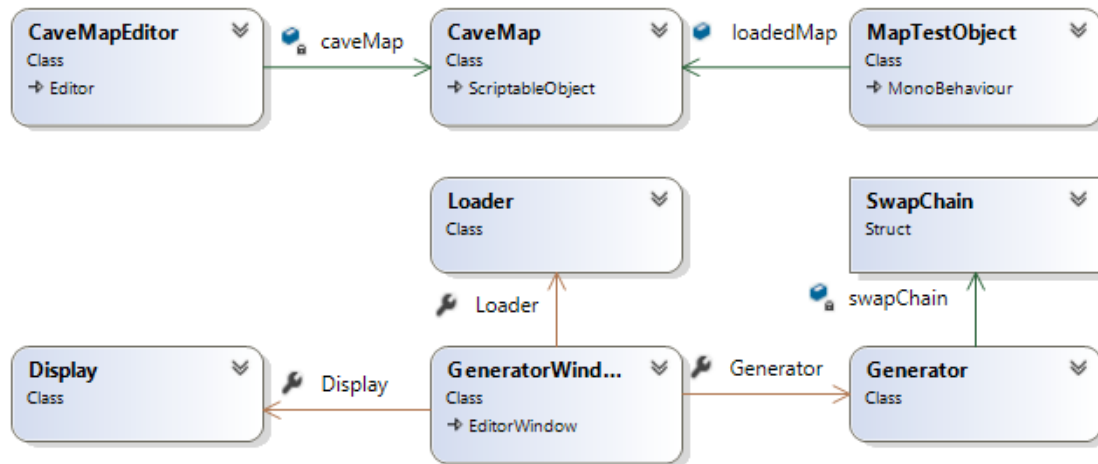
Automatically detect isolated holes in the map and remove them.

Export:

Generate a special scriptable object containing the map info and the necessary handlers to deal with that information.



Overall system architecture



Part 1: The generator.

Generator Window:

Contains every call necessary to draw the window. It also manages every other module.

Display:

Encapsulates the Map display. It's made to read and display data using a dynamically generated texture.

Loader:

Loads all the information generated into a new Map object and eject it as an asset.

Swap Chain:

Small struct which holds 2 buffers, one is for reading and the other is for writing, those buffers have a swap mechanism to facilitate the cellular automata algorithms.

Generator:

Holds methods that together generates a new cave layout.

Part 2: The Map.

Cave Map:

It's a data structure that holds all the information generated by the generator, it also has some handlers to facilitate the access of that information.

Cave Map Editor:

Changes the editor view to show the display of the map (it also uses a display object to do so).

Map Test Object:

Dummy object that loads one map object and project several gizmos using the information extracted from the map.